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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Drake/Hunt Road Bridge facility in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Cuyahoga County and the project is located at Drake Road and Hunt Road in Strongsville, Ohio 44136.

The funding is designated to replace the existing limited bridges with new structures able to withstand current truck loading. The original bridges were built in 1940 and because the structures are limited or posted, large trucks cannot travel them. Additionally, as typical life expectancy for bridges is 75 years, this bridge is beyond its service life. The new replacement structures will also be built wide enough for multi-modal paths and is located directly next to the Cleveland Metroparks Mill Stream Run Reservation.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit residents in the area. By accelerating the replacement of the Drake/Hunt Road Bridge facility, federal funding will guarantee that these highly trafficked, but outdated, structures are replaced in a manner that keeps residents safe. Furthermore, by including replacement bridges that are wide enough to accommodate multi-modal paths, the new structures will improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety, reducing the likelihood of accidents.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Anthony Gonzalez  
Member of Congress  
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